



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Steven E. Lohr
Fire Chief

MEMORANDUM

December 30, 2014

TO: Ms. Ana L. van Balen, Director
Montgomery County Mid-County Regional Center

FROM: Steven E. Lohr, Fire Chief 

SUBJECT: Master Plan

Thank you for your recent letter to County Executive Leggett conveying both your strong support for the mission of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) as well as assuring master plan input from the Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB).

Master plans are a critical component to assuring continuity of operations while establishing strategies to address a myriad of objectives and challenges encountered by dynamic organizations such as the MCFRS. This process requires substantive input from critical stakeholders such as the MCCAB. Your Board's participation will undoubtedly be instrumental in formulating the latest iteration of our plan.

Mr. Scott Gutschick, our planning manager, remarked at how appreciative he was of the opportunity to speak before the MCCAB on October 21, 2014. He shared with me the Board's recommendations relative to fire-rescue priorities and defining the necessity for data-driven performance metrics and decision-making. We both found these comments to be very insightful. I am confident these elements will be reflected in our updated Fire-Rescue Master Plan.

In closing, I cannot thank you enough for your and the MCCAB's support of the MCFRS. Your feedback assuredly supports our department's overarching goal for continuous improvement and making for a more effective and resilient service for the future.

Please accept my best wishes as we continue into the New Year.

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cc: Mr. Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Division Chief Scott Goldstein, MCFRS Division of Operations

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